**HOUSE BILL 3366** 

By Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62 and Title 63, relative to notification of meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-76-101, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

- (d) Each board, commission, agency or other governmental entity created pursuant to this title shall notify each holder of a license, certification or registration from the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity of any and all meetings in which official business of the entity will be conducted. Notice shall be provided at least forty-five (45) days in advance of said meeting.
- (e) Notice in subsection (d) shall be communicated via electronic mail to the electronic mail address on file, if one is provided pursuant to subsection (f), for each holder of a license, certification or registration from such board, commission, agency, or other governmental entity.
- (f) The following language shall be conspicuously placed on the front of any application for a license, certification, registration, or renewal thereof, developed or promulgated on or after July 1, 2012:

ELECTRONIC MAIL NOTICE: By entering your email in this box, you choose to receive electronic notice of all meetings of [state name of board, commission, agency, or other governmental entity], including meetings where changes to regulations, rules, policies, and guidelines of this board may be changed. This may include increases to fees for this profession. If you enter your email in this

box, notice of any such meeting will be provided to you at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the meeting.

(g) If a holder of a license, certification or registration fails to provide the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity with an email address, then the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity shall not be required to notify the holder by alternative means.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-139, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

- (d) Each board, commission, agency or other governmental entity created pursuant to this title shall notify each holder of a license, certification or registration from the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity of any and all meetings in which official business of the entity will be conducted. Notice shall be provided at least forty-five (45) days in advance of said meeting.
- (e) Notice in subsection (d) shall be communicated via electronic mail to the electronic mail address on file, if one is provided pursuant to subsection (f), for each holder of a license, certification or registration from such board, commission, agency, or other governmental entity.
- (f) The following language shall be conspicuously placed on the front of any application for a license, certification, registration, or renewal thereof, developed or promulgated on or after July 1, 2012:

ELECTRONIC MAIL NOTICE: By entering your email in this box, you choose to receive notice of all meetings of [state name of board, commission, agency, or other governmental entity], including meetings where changes to regulations, rules, policies, and guidelines of this board may be changed. This may include increases to fees for this profession. If you enter your email in this box, notice of any such meeting will be provided to you at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the meeting.

(g) If holder of a license, certification or registration fails to provide the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity with an email address, then the board, commission, agency or other governmental entity shall not be required to notify the holder by alternative means.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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